

REMARKS

Examiner Batista is thanked for the courtesies extended during the telephone interview conducted on June 10, 2009. The Rinchiuso and Le references were discussed as were the reasons why Applicants believe the claims patentably distinguish from these references. Possible dependent claim combinations were also discussed. The Examiner did not see any combinations that he believed would place the application in condition for allowance.


Applicants have therefore decided to appeal, and in order to put the application in better form for appeal submit this amendment that incorporates dependent claim 34 into its independent claim 30. The same features as claim 34 are found in dependent claims 72-76 and are incorporated into their respective independent claims.

Entry is proper since no new issues are raised and since the amendment reduces the issues for appeal. An early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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